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SUBJ: OIL COMPANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARAB WAR RELIEF

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1. "HBPULAR CONVITTEE TO AID VICTIMS OF WAR", KNOWN HERE AS "LAJNA SHA'ABIYA", IS PRESTIGIOUS AD HAC COMMITTEE SPONSORED BY KUWAIT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY PRIMARILY FOR KUWAITI CONTRIBUTIONS. COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN TIMES OF PREVIOUS CRISES, E,1&. 1967, AND IS NORMALLY HEADED BY PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE PRESENT PRESIDENT ABDUL AZIZ AL-SAQR IS ILL, ANOTHER HIGH OFFICIAL OF CHAMBER IS IN CHARGE. PROMINENT LOCAL ATTORNEY HERE WHO RETAINED BY KOC AND AMINOIL HAS HIMSELF CONTRIBUTED TO COMMITTEE AND ASSURES US COMMITTEE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED.

2. PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IS ALSO COLLECTING FOR WAR RELIEF, BUT THIS IS SEPARATE EFFORT. IT IS ALSO SANCTIONED BY GOK.

3. LOCAL PRESS RAN LONG LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS TO POPULAR COMMITTEE ON OCT 23. LIST INCLUDED CONTRIBUTIONS OF KD 500,000 (1 KD EQUALS \$3.47) EACH FROM KUWAIT NATIONAL PETROLEUM CO. AND NATIONAL BANK OF KUWAIT; KD 1 00,000 EACH FROM GULF BANK AND COMMERCIAL BANK; KD 258?600 EACH FROM AL-AHLI BANK, KUWAIT FLOUR
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MILLS COX., KUWAIT INVESTMENT CO., KUWAIT FOREIGN INVESTMENT CO., PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES CO. AND KUWAIT CHEMICAL FERTILIZER CO., AND MANY PRIVATE CGNTRIBUTIONS FROM KD 100,000 TO KD 1,000. NOTE AT END OF LIST MENTIONED THAT OIL COMPANIES AND OTHER FOREIGN-

OWNED COMPANIES HAD NOT RPT NOT CONTRIBUTED, BUT ADDED THAT THEY
STILL HAVE TIME TO RECONSIDER.
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